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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A document reading device includes a document transport and, for reading a document image, an optical reader having a movable exposure which stops at a predetermined reading position and emits light onto the document. A guide member guides the document to the reading position to form a predetermined inclination angle with respect to a flat-plate face of a support, which supports the document being transported when it passes over the reading position. A transport path is formed with the support so that the document passing over the reading position is transported along the flat-plate face. A detection member detects a leading end position of the guide member, the predetermined reading position being set to within a predetermined distance in a transport direction from the leading end of the guide member, which is known beforehand to be stain-free.